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Agent's Docket
No. 462-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of ROUGEOT et al.

Serial No. 09,334,671

Filed: June 17, 1999

For: INDIRECT X-RAY IMAGE DETECTOR FOR RADIOLOGY

Examiner: Shun Lee

Art Unit: 2878

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/23/01

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2001, the applicants wish to make the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morton (U.S. 5,693,947) in view of Elabd (U.S. 5,892,222). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following cogent reasons.

With regard to claim 1 which is the only independent claim in this application, the Examiner rejected it over Morton despite admitting that Morton lacks a photoreceptor made of amorphous selenium-based multilayer structure. The Examiner then contended that Elabd teaches a photoreceptor made of amorphous selenium-based multilayer structure in order to obtain high gain avalanche multiplication. The Examiner's conclusion was then that it would